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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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CORRUPTION IN AICTE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has taken action against the Chairman, Members and other officials of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) on charges of corruption in the recent past;

(b) if so, the status of the enquiry; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for fair working of the AICTE and to safe guard the interests of the students?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered four cases against Prof. R.A. Yadav, Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) (under suspension) and 14 cases against other officials of AICTE. Charge sheet is being issued against the Prof. R.A. Yadav and others in respect of Echelon Institute of Technology. In all other cases, the investigation by CBI is underway.

(c): AICTE has introduced e-governance approval process for greater transparency, easier assured communication, fast processing and facility for tracking of application by the applicant. Emphasis is being laid on self declaration through e-governance process by institutions rather than inspection. Database of countrywide experts is created and the experts are selected randomly by computer, thus avoiding manual/human intervention in the constitution of the expert committees. Composition of Expert Committees at different stages of approval process has been modified incorporating eminent educationalists. Practicing advocates and architects have also been included as members of the Committee to verify legal and building related documents.